

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 818

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Harriet Tubman Day.

WHEREAS, March 10 of each year is observed as Harriet Tubman Day in Tennessee;
and

WHEREAS, Harriet Ross Tubman was born into slavery in Bucktown, Maryland, in or
around the year 1820 and escaped from slavery in 1849; and

WHEREAS, as a conductor on the famed Underground Railroad, she led hundreds of
enslaved persons to freedom; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman's exemplary leadership and heroic exploits along the
Underground Railroad earned her the title "Moses of Her People"; and

WHEREAS, she became an effective leader in the abolitionist movement and later
served in the Civil War as a soldier, spy, nurse, scout, and cook; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her efforts to end slavery, Harriet Tubman was a noted
advocate of equality under the law for women, as demonstrated by her membership in the
National Federation of Afro-American Women, the National Association of Colored Women, and
the New England Women's Suffrage Association; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman continued to fight for dignity, rights, opportunity, and justice
on behalf of all people until her death in Auburn, New York, on March 10, 1913; and

WHEREAS, observation of Harriet Tubman Day began in the 1960s, first celebrated in
the month of June by the late Addie Clash Travers of Cambridge, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, in Public Law 101-252 and Presidential Proclamation 6107, the United
States Congress and former President of the United States of America George Herbert Walker

Bush proclaimed March 10, 1990, as Harriet Tubman Day and called upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Public Acts of 2007, Chapter 2, Section 1, provides that March 10 of each year be observed as Harriet Tubman Day in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate the observance of March 10 as Harriet Tubman Day in honor of the important role Harriet Tubman played in the history of Tennessee and the United States as an abolitionist and champion of equal rights for all people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.